

Please deny Bellsouth's petition to end broadband regulation. Ironically, deregulation in this case would be anti-competitive because it would allow carriers like Bellsouth to re-monopolize telco services--but this time without regulation-- and squeeze out highly efficient and highly regarded independent ISPs whose only access to DSL resources is through the FCC's current regulation policies.

I currently use such an independent ISP (Sonic.net) in California that offers DSL service through an arrangement with SBC. Approving Bellsouth's petition would allow SBC to eventually do the same thing in my area, thereby eliminating a source of superior service and at the same time raising prices. This is not in the public interest.